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TO : Deputy Assistant Director for Operations
FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division
SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - February 1951

DATE: 6 March 1951

1. Subscriptions to 15 non-Russian-language Soviet provincial newspapers were accepted by the Soviet distributing agency in Moscow during January; early in February copies of 138 such papers were received in FDD. These were from 12 of the Soviet republics. Preliminary scanning indicates that local news in the non-Russian press differs from that of Russian-language papers and so may prove of considerable value. Still to be answered -- why were these papers suddenly opened for subscription?

2. The Malagasy language was added to FDD capabilities during the month for the first time. It is anticipated that exploitation of Madagascar newspapers in this language may now be undertaken on a fairly regular basis.

3. A report, "Possible Violations of the Principles of UNESCO by Chinese Communists and North Koreans," was prepared in 5 working days following a request from AD/RR to AD/O. Sources were current newspapers, periodicals and textbooks.

25X1A 4. Staff personnel [] and FDD exchanged visits on 2 and 3 February to survey their respective operations.

25X1A 5. FDD personnel toured Industrial Register, O/CD in conference with [] regarding possible FDD help in preparing IR information.

25X1A 6. Publication of Periodical Abstracts was resumed, at the request of [] with issue No. 167 dated 23 February 1951.

7. A reprint of 25 copies of Summary No. 27, "A study of 25 Soviet Far East Ports and Harbors," was provided on request of Liaison Division, O/CD to fill an ONI request and for additional surplus.

8. The FDD Document Exploitation File was used for coordination in 124 cases on request from 20 different offices of the IAC agencies. Translations of 156 articles, varying in length from 1 to 224 pages were identified, preventing duplication in most cases.

25X1C 9. Additional [] publications and a large number of recently dated Bulgarian newspapers were received through cooperation of OSO.

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More than 60 new titles of the Iranian press were received as a result of collection by Chief, FDD during his recent survey in the Near East.

10. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions

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